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Microsoft needs to be broken up to allow fair competition to other developers. Over the years they have stolen technology from many companies. Most recently mouse technology that netted them hundreds of millions of dollars. Even with the legal battles going on they show NO intention in changing business as usual practices. They had to pay Stac technologies \$ 120 million in the past..they didn't care they made much more. They said it wasn't possible to separate the browser from Windows. It was another lie. A product called 98 Lite did just that. Now they say it is possible but they continue to work at making it impossible in future versions of th OSes they build. They all but killed off Dr DOS which was superior at the time. They destroy, buy off or steal technologies as needed to control the marketplace. They can not be trusted to police themselves and should be broken up into several separate entities that would not be able to prevent development of alternative operating systems,or new technologies by money and influence. Just as they recently tried to "settle" with the government by putting even more of their software into schools to further expand Microsoft's presense. They continue to prey upon the public as well developers. I am a user of Microsoft products and I am currently enrolled in Microsoft classes in college which I pay for myself without financial aid. Despite this I know that if we do not stop the marketing of new OS every two years for the sake of profit we will soon destroy all competition at an enormous expense to all users. Thank you for this opportunity to speak out.